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 - ON THEFT OFNTEKHNOLGY BY JAUN

REF: USINFO MSG OF JAN 24 I O SECSTATE G USIA

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. U.S. FORCES RADIO NEWS (FN) ON JAN 24 REPORTED THAT A USG INTERAGNI TASK FORCE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UEVER LOSSES OF U.S. OWNED TCHNOLOGY TO JAANESE COMKETITORS AND THAT DIA AND CIA HAVE BEEN ORDERED HO REPORT ON CASES OF JAPANESE THEFT OF TECHNOLOGY. UPI CARRIES SAME REPORT WITH SAN FRANCISCO DATELINE QUOTING U...ATTORNEY RUSSONIEPLKN THAT CIA AND DIA HAVE BEEN ENLISTED TO CUT OFF JAPANESE THEFT OF TECHNOLOGY AND WOULD HAVE THE ROLE OF SUPPLYING INFORMATION FROM INSIDE JAPAN CBOUT WHERE TECKNOLOGY MAY BE USED IF IT GETS OUT OF THE U.S. JUSTICE, CUSTOMS, ANDNPOSTAL SERVICE ARE ALSO MENTIONED AS JOINING THE PROGRAM.

3 COMING JUST AFTER THE RETURN OF PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE FROM A HEAVILY PUBLICIZED AND SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONFLICTS EHARPLY WITH THE POSITIVE TONE OF COMMENTARY ON MEETINGS WITH NAKASONE. REQUEST APPROPRIATE CLARIFICATIN BY STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN. '-,S CONFIRMING THAT EMBASSY ELEMENTS ARE NOT/NOK INVOLVED IN OBTAINING INORMATION INSIDE JAPAN ABOUT THEFT OF TECHNOLOGY. PLEASE PROVIDE TEXHKOF ANY STATEMENT RELEASED.

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